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# TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ

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A sincere thank you! to all of our faithful. creative, amazing Tri-Village Buzz volunteers. We could not produce this newsletter 10 months of the year without all of you - past and present. We have (and have had) so many different features to interest our many readers:

- feature stories
- following the trails of yesterday
- helpful hints
- fun page
- words of wisdom
- recipes
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- WLLID news
- RDEK updates

- Wasa lions news
- community events
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- armchair traveller
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- quilt club news
- sports den
- Wasa community church

- and that is just the submitters! We aslo have individuals that look after the invoicing to our advertisers, keep our books balanced, post our newsletter online ...... and so much more!

As editor, I am so grateful to each and every one of you, for your part in producing this newsletter on a consistent basis. And I encourage everyone to get involved; write a story, send in a photo, submit a recipe, or how-to tidbit. Who knows? You may start a new tradition:) The talent in this community is unending and incredible!

#### LET ME SEE YOUR AMATEUR WILDLIFE PHOTOS!

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Submit your wildlife photos to trivillagebuzz@gmail.com and I will make a draw for a winner at the end of September. Every photo will be counted as one entry. We have such a diverse wildlife population, so many opportunites to capture something unique and wonderful.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- Do NOT put yourself or your subject at risk!
- No stopping along busy highways
- Do not interfere with mommas & babies
- Keep your distance for your safety and theirs
- Do not 'bait' your subject for a better close up
- Respect their home you are the guest

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15 ounces frozen raspberries

1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- 2. Mix graham cracker wafer crumbs, butter and brown sugar until well combined. Set aside 1/4 cup of this mixture for a topping and press the remainder into one 9x13 inch pan.
- 3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.
- 4. Dissolve raspberry gelatin in the boiling water and add the frozen raspberries, stirring until melted. Chill until partially set and spread on wafer base.
- 5. Melt marshmallows with the milk. When cool, fold in whipped cream and spread on top of raspberry mixture. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Chill for 3-4 hours before serving.





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#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you new to the Community? Recently retired and have time on your hands? Want to meet neighbours? Just love to get involved and give back? We might be able to help with that!

Because our Communities are small, we rely very heavily upon Volunteers. And there are so many areas that would benefit from any skills you have to share. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and call existing members to see where you can help out.

Wasa Recreational Society

below and call existing members to see where you can help out.
Wasa & District Lions Club Bingo
TriVillage Buzz Newsletter Wasa Recreational Society
Wasa Lake Land Improvement Armchair Traveler
Wasa Pancake Breakfast Wasa Community Library
Tri-Village Kids Club Wasa Gym
Wasa & District Historical Association & Memorial Garden Group
are a few of the areas that would welcome new members. Step up, step out, expand your horizons. We would love to see you

"Volunteering is a work of heart" 

The Wasa Recreation Society manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is have a Community Hall that is viable for events and recreation of the community. Through fund raising, volunteering and rentals we are able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- Hall Rentals and Information: Karen Markus 250,422,3514 Bonnie Meena 250.422.3795
  - Gym-Sonia Blackwell 250.421.3019, Rod 250.422.3253
    - TOPS Susan 778.524.0012
    - Library-Judy McPhee 250.422.3766
    - Quilter's Club Linda Sungaard 778.524.4456
- In addition, BINGO's are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6 months of the year, at the Wasa Hall. See details in the calendar. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. and regular at 6:45 p.m.
  - And TKC coffee is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many.



#### Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Sherry Shields

Our Community Garden is always looking for volunteers. If interested in being on our volunteer list please call Sherry Shields @ 250-919-7887 ©

The garden has been enjoying the warmer weather and is flourishing.

Flower boxes are showing off their foliage & colors. Heather from Prairie Greenhouses planted beautiful arrangements in each container.

#### Summer volunteers are keeping the garden well maintained.

Thank you to all who help to keep our garden looking well loved and cared for.

There is a story and history in each niche and plaque in the garden. Visitors will enjoy the tranquility of the garden as well as discovering interesting facts. The Kootenay Ripples local history book is also available to learn more about the history of the area and the residents past and present who live here.

May our summer be filled with happy memories and may we all stay SAFE.



2019 Columbarium Niche & Plaque Costs

**UNIT 1** Columbarium

Upper levels - \$1000.00 + engraving Bottom Row - \$900.00 + engraving

UNIT 2 Columbarium (new)
Niche cost - \$1100.00 + engraving
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Memorial Plaque - \$300.00

#### Contact info:

Pat Walkey @ 250 422-3530 or pwalkey@shaw.ca.



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History of Wasa/Ta Ta Creek/Skookumchuk.
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HOWEVER, the hall will be open to community groups. They will be responsible for adhering to the BC Government guidelines that are currently in place. These groups include: Wasa Gym, Yoga, Wasa Country Quilters, Wasa Lake Land Improvement District, TOPs, Wasa Lions and Library. Each group will be making their own specific guidelines for use of the hall.

To weather this epidemic we have instituted steps to keep our operating expenses at a minimum. The phone land line has been discontinued. A contact phone number will be published when operations return to normal. To reduce hydro costs (\$350 equal payment plan per month) we have turned off most equipment that is not being used; hot water tanks, fridges, freezers, extra lighting, etc.

Unfortunately, even at this time some companies are operating as if business is normal. The biggest operating cost, hall insurance has been increased by \$700.00. This year we paid \$7,700.00.

At this time we will be managing our operational costs through cash in our current bank accounts, grants, and donations.

We thank those families in the community and community groups who have generously donated to the hall.

By doing all we can now, by putting a foundation in place for positive outcomes things will get better. We look forward to future hall rentals, well attended bingos and other community fundraisers and donations. Contributions either financially (e-transfer or cheque) or as a volunteer (once we return to normal operations or upcoming projects) are appreciated.

Stay safe

Wasa Recreational Society

Wasa Community Hall: 6145 Wasa School Road, Wasa BC

Mailing Address: Box 164, Wasa BC VOB 2KO

Contacts for the Wasa Community Hall: Stan Kneller, President 250 426-9602 (cell) Karen Markus, Treasurer & Bookings 250 422-3514

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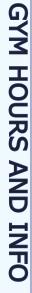
- ☐ Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- ☐ All users must sign in with date and time
- ☐ All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- ☐ All users are required to wear "gym shoes" no street shoes permitted
- ☐ All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- ☐ Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- ☐ Have fun and be safe!

For Gym Schedule Please Contact:

Sonia Blackwell at 250.421.3019 or

Rod at 250.422.3253

We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at 🔘 a time not indicated.



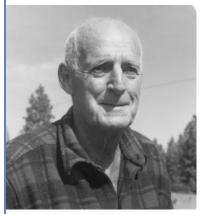


# FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF



submitted by Diane Douglas

#### How the Son of a Swiss Baron Became Chief



Everyone in our family, and everyone at Wasa, calls my grandfather Chief. No one can remember exactly why, and no one has ever thought the name didn't fit. Chief was a wise and gentle leader who knew exactly where to drop a line to snag a rainbow and how to glide a canoe silently over water or guide it through turbulent rapids. He was a man who greeted everyone he met with kindness, and who lived in the natural world as if it were a second skin.

Chief was born Karl Henry de Pfyffer von Altishofen Wyher in 1898 in Lucerne, Switzerland. (De Pfyffer is pronounced dee—Fee—fer.) Karl was the fifth of eight children born of a baron, which sounds much better than it actually was. Barons were expected to live an aristocratic lifestyle, but as families grew and fortunes divided, they often lacked the means to do it. That was the case of Karl's father, and so to escape the pressure, my great-grandfather moved his

family to Kelowna, where he bought an old Catholic mission and its tomato farm.

Barons don't know much about farming, and life for Karl's parents was difficult. After 20 years, during which my great-grandmother refused to speak a word of English, the family returned to Switzerland, leaving behind the oldest five children, all boys. The de Pfyffer boys had become men in Canada. They no longer felt European. Young Karl was eight when he arrived in Canada and was the most Canadian of them all. Karl became Charles. Not long after, his new friends started calling him Charlie. The adult Charlie loved the life his parents hated and he could not imagine the confinement of Europe.

While still in Kelowna, Charlie met my grandmother, Beryl. They married, after the initial resistance of the bank where he worked as a clerk. The bank claimed he wasn't earning enough to support a family, and apparently an employer's agreement was necessary for marriage in 1922. A few years later, Charlie became the bank manager in Kimberley. One of his duties was to deliver mine workers their weekly pay. Charlie drove his old Model T up the Estela mine road, guarding the cash with a pistol issued by the bank. Making his deliveries, he got to know the land around Wasa well.

Charlie remembered little of his life in Switzerland, but he repeatedly told my grandmother how much he enjoyed spending summers in the family's elegant lakeside chateau on Lake Lucerne. Charlie and Beryl began thinking of a summer place of their own.

One day, driving by the railroad tracks close to the Kootenay, my grandmother spotted three abandoned CPR office cars on the siding. 'Why don't we make one of those our cabin?' she asked. Charlie thought that a fine idea, and in 1933, he inquired at the Land Titles office about buying property at Wasa. 'Buy?' they replied. 'Just go squat there.'

Charlie and Beryl had their eye on a sandy point known as Joe Bell's, and Charlie hired a tractor to drag the office car to the shore of the lake. The tractor got stuck in sand short of the goal, so the cabin ended up looking west, southwest instead of having the intended view of Teepee. Though



Charlie and Beryl's boxcar was no Swiss lakeside chateau, it was everything they wanted.

Charlie drilled a well, put in a pump, painted the boxcar red with white trim, installed a wood burning stove. and added a screened porch to catch the summer breeze. He fished and hunted with his Kimberley and Wolf Creek friends. Even after the bank moved him to Calgary, he came to Wasa as often as he could. I imagine that it was at this time that Charlie began to become known as Chief. I suspect his buddy Harry Brown started it, admiring his friend's easy competence and leadership.

#### How the Son of a Swiss Baron Became Chief continued

A few years later, Land Titles offered Wasa lots for sale. Chief bought as many as he could afford. Some say the price was \$5 an acre, some say \$25. What Charlie could afford was 5 lots.

Old photos show my mother, Hermine de Pfyffer, as a slender young girl sunning with friends on the dock. When she married my father, Allan Dixon, they honeymooned at Wasa. Then the kids started to come. Nana and Chief welcomed the next generation, and Chief built a sleeping wing on the back of the boxcar to accommodate the growing numbers. He filled it with bunks from the now defunct Estela mine. When the inhabitants of the boxcar reached four adults, six kids and two dogs,





Chief built an A-frame for Nana as a refuge from the chaos. When we grew into teenagers too noisy to be confined in the boxcar, the teepee arrived as overflow.

Chief always exhibited infinite patience. He mounted fishing expeditions for all us up Wolf Creek or Sheep Creek. He taught each of us, one by one, how to watch for fish rising, how to cast, how to pick berries, how to react if you encountered a bear. Most mornings when he wasn't fishing, Chief tended his garden. We helped, a little, but he never demanded. Chief's raspberry patch was famous, and he was generous with his garden's abundant produce. Morning after morning, I'd watch him standing in a slant of light, all the leaves around him transparent with the

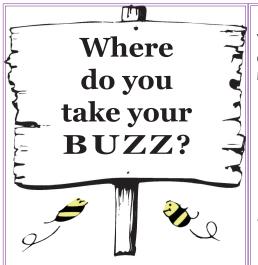
sun. He held a palmful of seeds in is hand, teaching me amazement.

Now my children and my brother's children are having children. We have become the ones experiencing grandparent delight. This

summer, a whole new generation, our fifth generation at Wasa, runs barefoot along the paths first laid down by our wise and generous Chief, and our stories continue to grow around his gentle legacy.



Many of you have a story, adventure or life stories about people you know in our area that happened in years past and you are eager to share so that the history is not lost. I would like to include them in the "Following the Trails of Yesterday" page. Please phone me if you would like to contribute to the column at 250-422-3766 or email me at -- judymcphee9@gmail.com--



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### Wasa Community Church



Are you content with what you have? I find that I so often focus on the things that I don't have, rather than what I do have, and concentrating on that really dampers my contentment. It's not

hard to notice the things that we don't have. It's not unusual to crave some extra funds to make our desires a reality. I'm not surprised that I find myself discontented at times, but I know that I shouldn't. I have everything I need. Much more than I need, really.

Reading the first letter in the Bible that Timothy receives from his mentor, Paul, we get to a verse that many people misquote. It's often said that money is the root of all evil, but in reality, money in itself is fine. Paul really says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10a KJV). It's not money itself that's the root. It's the love of money. He had been talking about teachers who alter the truth for their own increase, thinking of godliness as being for their own gain. In that context, this verse makes sense, as they are pursuing monetary gain by doing evil. Many people have such a love for money that they are willing to do corrupt things in order to get rich, and these teachers are no exception, as they are deceiving people. They think that godliness will bring them their gain, but they don't realize, as Paul tells us, that the godliness is the gain. He says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:6-7 KJV).

When we have our needs, such as food and clothing, we should be content. That's not to say if we have more, it's bad. If we have more, that's great. The point is that our attitude should be one of gratitude, instead of never being satisfied and always seeking more. When we die, we can't take our material earnings with us. At that point, what matters is where we have placed our faith. Jesus gave up His perfect life for us on the cross and rose again, making a way for us to be granted eternal life with Him. If we repent of our sins, committing our lives to Him in faith, then we are allowed into heaven. There are believers all over the world who have nothing, some even facing death for being Christian. However, they have contentment because they know that they have all they need in Christ. No hands can take Him or heaven away from them. Even though they don't have the riches of earth, they have wealth beyond measure that will last forever. I sometimes find it hard to be content when I see all that I see around me, but in remembering that I have Christ, I know that I have more than enough.

> - Pastor Jon Malpass, Wasa Community Church -(services Sunday @ 10:30am), (250) 464-4419

#### WILDFIRE! HOW VULNERABLE ARE YOU?

Newcomers to Wasa are flabbergasted when they learn that this is an UNPROTECTED area. This means there is no fire protection; homeowners are responsible for their own property. In case of fire, call BC Wildfire Service at \*5555 and then the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression group but please be aware that there is no fire department prepared to fight structural fires. The purpose of the Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression group is first and foremost prevention and if that fails, to stop fire from spreading to the rest of the community.

To get straight to the point, if you live in an unprotected rural area, you have a lot more to worry about than city folks do with regards to wildfire.

For instance, did you know that if your fire insurance expires during a time when wildfires are burning nearby, insurance companies are unlikely to renew it until the danger has passed. Speaking of insurance, if you purchase a WASP Gutter-mounted Sprinkler kit (www.waspwildfire. com), Insureline, an online insurance brokerage, will give you \$100 off the renewal cost. www. insureline.com

Another consideration is how accessible is your property? If local Wasa Fire Volunteers are called to fight fire on your property, will they be able to safely access the burning area? If, for example, you have a long, narrow, winding driveway and no turn-around, volunteers with vehicles and water trailers will not be able to escape if the fire becomes too threatening. Such a situation could be disastrous!

Since no fire department exists here, prevention is the best solution. Simple practical FireSmart practices, such as eliminating woody vegetation that overhangs or touches buildings, and trimming branches within 2 metres of the ground, will significantly reduce the chance that flying embers will ignite your house. Purchasing home protection aids such as WASP Sprinklers for your roof, or having water cubes ready to fight fire are effective, but are no substitute for taking simple but effective preventative measures. Consult the Homeowner's FireSmart Manual at www.wasafire.weebly.com to assess how vulnerable your property is to fire. You are welcome to request guidance from the Wasa FireSmart Board whose members are on the local WHO TO CALL list for fire. Contact kathyemccauley@gmail.com or check www.wasafire.weebly.com for more info.

One last note, if you witness anyone acting irresponsibly or breaking the law with regards to fire safety, call the RCMP at 250-427-4811.

Let's all stay safe this summer!

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All tickets sold allowing for an early draw for the Buzz August edition. Thank you to all who bought tickets. Your support of the Lions is greatly

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appreciated! TRI-VILLAGE BUZZ Issue 231 August 2020

### WASA COMMUNITY LIBRARY



NEW HOURS: As of April 21, 2020, due to the Corona Virus our new hours until the library closes for the summer on June 30th will be as follows:

PLEASE NOTE, We are open EVERY SECOND TUESDAY FROM 11:00 am to 12:00 noon on the following days-

September 8 & 22 **October 6 & 20** August 11& 25 (call Marg Burrin @ 250.422.3565 or Rose Smith @ 250.422.3088)

submitted by Judy McPhee

Library Report wasn't available for this issue. But be sure to watch September's issue for some exciting reviews! In the meantime, let's take a look at some past favourites :)

capture a variety of events and bios of local history. residents. If you don't have you own, there are a two copies of Kootenay Ripples, the fascinating history of the Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuk area, that will enrapture you for many, many sittings.

Our local history is related in a variety of other books like the "East Kootenay Chronicle - A story of settlement, lawlessness, mining disasters and fires in south eastern BC'; 'The Forgotten Side of the Border, BC's Elk Valley and Crowsnest Pass'; and writings of Fort Steele by our own Naomi Miller. If the activities of Fisherville, located near Fort Steele, are of interest then you may want to read 'The Trail of 1858: British Columbia's Goldrush Past' or if mining strikes your fancy then a review of 'History of Tunnel and Rock Workers in BC may be a read for you. From a different perspective, RM Patterson offers you a vivid picture of the beauty and isolation of the Rocky Mountains in his books like 'The Buffalo Head'.

For a bigger picture of geography you can review the 'Historical Atlas of BC and Pacific North West' or have some fun with the volume of '101 British Columbia Place Names' which offers gems of information of the naming of places in BC. Why not take a ride with the 'Frontier Cowboys and the Great Divide' or the RCMP' history or perhaps climb aboard the sagas of the Canadian railway with Pierre Burton. If politics and sociology is more your bent then check out 'Canadian History, Our Nation Since Confederation' or 'Canada - A story of Challenge, major facts of history and

Why not celebrate the history of our main faces which shaped it from earliest times'. community in general with an adventure Whether your interest is national, provincial through literature. The library has a collection or local, your library offers little jewels to be of newsletters and binders of articles that discovered for your personal journey through

#### The Help

by Kathryn Stocket

The story is about African Americans working in white households in Jackson, Mississippi, during the early 1960s.

The book became the basis for a movie in 2011. The star-studded cast included Octavia Spencer, Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain, Allison Janney, Sissy Spacek, and many others. It was nominated for four Academy Awards, and Spencer took home the Oscar for Best Performance by a Supporting Actress that evening.

"The must read of every book club in the country."

#### The Irish Country Doctor Patrick Taylor

"In this first book of the Irish Country Doctor Series, Patrick Taylor writes of his many experiences as a rural GP doctor in Ireland during the 1960's. Each chapter is a different story written in the format of the James Herriot Books. Taylor's style of writing is vivacious and exhilarating with a good sprinkling of wit, humour and charm. The author displays a vast knowledge of Irish expressions and he includes snippets from poets and authors of the ages. "In a multitude of councils there is wisdom". It was hard to put this book down."

> Life is like a book. Each day is a new page. May your book be a bestseller with adventures to tell, lessons to learn and tales of good deeds to remember.

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# From the Ashram

## Words of Wisdom



## Do not allow secularism to kill your Spiritual Life

Secularism has a broad range of meaning. While its most common definition is the separation of religion from civic affairs and state, it may also connote anticlericalism, atheism, naturalism, banishment of religious symbols from the public sphere and much more, such as denigration, discrimination against particular spiritual beliefs and communities, and so on... where does it stop?!

Our entire human society has created its ethical values on the basis of evident Spiritual Values coming from religious traditions, such as Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism or Muslim, and even some Animist traditions. Without the Wisdom transmitted by Sages, Prophets and Enlightened Beings, our society would have remained in a state of anarchy and barbarism in which the law of the strongest would have prevailed over the weakest ones. We owe all the civility in this world, mutual respect and our ability to function decently as a society to Spiritual Values and Expressions. Then, why remove them from our public space or social life so long as they don't harm or diminish Human Value? Unity of all religions should not consist in erasing all traces of religions among us!

Naturally, the power of ethical values dictated by God through various Divine Messengers does not please those who want to establish and be part of the "Kingdoms" of other "Gods" on earth, such as the God of Money, the God of Political Power, the God who is all right for the individual only, the God of the World Market, or the God of all Unethical Values breaking our society into pieces. All of this in order to keep

people so busy working and striving for material goods and pleasures that all possibility of spiritual life would be erased from Man's heart. Nowadays, our spirituality must be hidden, lived secretly, almost in shame for believing that a God more powerful than the power of men could exist. This cold and avid mentality enslaving our society into materialistic values is reinforced by the removal of all signs recalling our belonging to a Spiritual Path or serving a God Superior to the "gods of men". When Spiritual Values are erased from a society, then Human Rights and Duties are rendered obsolete, Citizen Responsibilities lapse, and this society becomes divided through minorities who want to make the rules for the majority. Opposition, conflicts, anarchy, and civil wars are always the result of the loss of Spiritual Ethical Values in a society.

When the Divine Presence and the Divine Quest are erased or hidden from the life of a society, then all the great texts of law supposedly protecting the decency of the Human Life fall from grace, and liberty, equality and fraternity are replaced by enslavement, promotion of differences and the egoistic greed of the minority to the detriment of the majority. In the end, the main law becomes: "every man for himself". The society is then divided into various factions, each wanting to get what they claim to deserve no matter what, no matter the cost. The existence of religions is even not taught at school anymore; yet they are an essential part of our historical heritage, are they not?

Don't let the overly exploited promotion of secularism kill your Spiritual Life and never be ashamed of it, for without the concept of a Divine Power over us all, there can be no decent society able to live harmoniously according to the Laws of Love, Unity and Harmony contained in the Aspiration of our Souls. We know that, as human beings, we are perishable, relative and impermanent, but that as Spiritual Souls, we constantly aspire to reflect and radiate the Qualities of the Divine. Because our Spirituality engages us to become better, more loving and compassionate, the entire Human Society is bearable and can always become more Harmonious and a Source of Liberation for each of us.

Even though I live in an Ashram, I love so much to recognize and meet my Brothers and Sisters from other Traditions who remind me of the Perfume of the Divine. The Christian who cherishes the Power of Love of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Buddhist who cherishes the Dharma Teaching through the form of Lord Buddha, and the Muslim who cherishes the Oneness of God; they all deserve our Love and our respect, as do all the decent Atheists who respect those who believe in a Superior Source of Intelligence in creation.

The Divine is One for all Traditions. There is no Religion superior to another since God is One and The Same for all of us. He does not belong to anyone, He is the Reason for our very existence, so we should always keep that Source of Hope present in our space of life.

With Love and Blessing in the Supreme Lord.

Warmly with you on the Path of Life. OM OM OM

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram Wasa, BC, Canada

#### 2020 Wasa Water Report



#### by Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID)

The Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) monitors the lake and Kootenay River water levels on a daily basis from late April to early September. These numbers are recorded as meters above sea level (masl).

Recreational lake users have enjoyed loads of cold clean water over the past couple of months.

Higher than average snowpack in the Kootenay National Park (Floe Lake 127% of normal), early spring rains and warm temperatures all contributed to a water level not seen since 2017 (769.44 masl, June 18 - 20). The lake has been higher, most notably in 2012-2013 when water peaked over 770 masl.

This year, the lake level started its rise in late-April and picked up steam in mid-May. The water level rose a total of 2.91 meters reaching a peak of 769.42 masl, June 28 - 30. Last year, the max level, 768.05 masl.

The big surge in lake level started 2 June when 23cm of water poured in. But, that wasn't the largest one day increase, it occurred the next day when the water rose another 40cm (767.84 masl). Over the next six days (June 4 to 9th) the lake climbed 1.16 meters to 769.00 masi. That's almost 19.5 cm's per day (7.7 inches).

As of July 25th, the lake level was at 768.51 masl. The water has stayed above this level for over a month.

In three days (May 30 to June 2), the Kootenay River rose 2.29 meters topping out around 771.50 masl. This sudden increase drove the lake to this year's height. On July 25th, the Kootenay River level was at 767.88 masl.

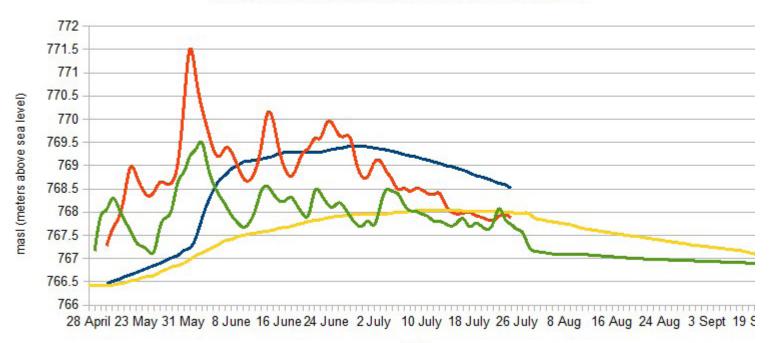
The attached graph shows the lake and river levels compared to 2019. This is the second year WLLID has had surveyed river level data since 2012.

The collecting and analyzing of Kootenary River, Wasa lake and snow pack levels is used to assess the possibility of major flooding at Wasa, i.e. 2012 & 2013.

WLLID provides water information to lake residents so they can prepare for high water, especially those who have experienced flood damage in the past.

Prepared by the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID) (© 2020, WLLID) 25 July 2020

#### Wasa Lake & Kootenay River Water Levels (2020)



Time



By Area E Director Jane Walter



The RDEK office is still closed to the public, but we are still open for business. If you have any questions or concerns you can phone 1-259-489-2791 or email rdek.bc.ca

We are all learning new skills and new ways of continuing the business without having public meetings. I am going to be holding a public hearing on Zoom later this month for a Zoning change in Meodowbrook.

#### **Fireworks**

I have been receiving complaints about fireworks occurring late at night. Many of the people are concerned because the loud noise scares their pets and is also waking their young children.

If you know what the property number is, you can put in a complaint for the noise bylaw to the RDEK bylaw officer.

#### **Campfires**

I have also been informed that some people are having large campfires. Remember that there are Provincial rules on how big a campfire can be. The size is 0.5m by 0.5m or 19 inches by 19 inches If someone has a large fire and you are concerned please call cell phone \*5555 or 1-800-663-5555

Please be responsible with these fires because there is no fire protection for structures in the Wasa and Area

I hope everyone has a good month. Please support your local businesses. Stay safe. If you have any questions or concerns call me at 250-427-2577 or email me at s.janewalter@gmail.com Thanks, Jane Walter

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## **Guy Winkleman**

Bus: 250.422.3694 Cell: 250.417.9728 Box 181 Wasa, BC V0B 2K0





**Cleaning artificial flowers:** pour salt in a larger paper bag with the flowers and shake vigorously.

**Keeping a cake moist while baking:** *place a shallow pan of water in the oven under the cake pan.* 

**Insect bites:** apply a paste of meat tenderizer and water or rub with apple cider vinegar to reduce itching. Can also apply a paste of crushed plantain for healing.

**Window boxes:** put a layer of gravel on top of the dirt to prevent splatter against the windows when it rains.

#### Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent Injury? or have plans for Surgery?

The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment. For loan information or equipment donations to the Cupboard

Contact: Sharon 250.422.3231 or Val 250.422.3499

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#### **FIRE RESTRICTIONS!**

Category 2 & 3 restrictions are in place right now:

- no burning piles
- no stubble or grass burning
- no fireworks, sky lanterns, etc.
- no burning barrels
- campfires no larger than 0.5m x 0.5m

Build a fire guard around your campfire and have water and a shovel on hand to extinguish it.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

#### Welcome Neighbors & Visitors Groceries Cold Beer Ice Cream

Fast Food

Wine & Spirits Lotto!

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**Open Daily** 

Summer: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Winter: Contact store for hours

#### Wasa TOPS

Friday mornings downstairs Wasa Community Hall Weigh-in 9 - 9:30 am Meeting 9:30 - 10:30 am Everyone welcome - Contacts: Susan 778-524-0012 or Irene 250-422-3686



#### GEOCACHING - TREASURE **HUNTING WITH A TWIST**

Have you ever been taking a walk, and run across a strange little container filled with random things? A toy dinosaur, a funny looking coin, etc.? Chances are, you have discovered someone's geocache! What on earth is a geocache?!

Geocaching is hunting game where you hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity, using a GPS device. The first geocache is documented on May 2, 2000. Since then, it has become an international past-time. What you have put in a geocache in Wasa could end up in a geocache in Africa!

Our Tri-Village area has over 50 geocaches that can be found! There is a website you can log onto, where you build a profile and it will give you the GPS locations of geocaches you can search out. Once a cache is

found, typically you exchange one of the items in the cache with something you have brought along specifically for this purpose, log your visit in the notebook provided in the cache, and secure the cache back in it's 'hiding' spot, for the next geocacher. You then log onto Geocaching.com and register your 'find'. So if you're looking for a fun activity, whether it is with your kids, your friends or an individual challenge - I encourage you to check out the geocache world. It's one of those activities you can do in the great outdoors, with minimal cost, abundant fresh air, stimulating your problem solving skills.

#### Reducing Conflict Where We Play

WildSafeBC strives to learn and to share about how we can reduce human-wildlife conflicts in all of our day-to-day activities. We must all think about how we live, work, play and grow with respect to wildlife.

BC is one great big natural playground. We enjoy some of the world's best mountain biking, hiking, canoeing, back country



skiing, and the list goes on and on. While we have these great outdoor opportunities, we must also be mindful of the fact that we share the outdoors with all types of wildlife. It is our responsibility to ensure that our recreational pursuits do not contribute to humanwildlife conflict within the province.



For the most part, wildlife wants nothing to do with humans. But there are times when wildlife may react defensively to your presence, and in the very rare instance view you as a menu item. Additionally, if wildlife has become habituated to humans or food conditioned then the risk of human-wildlife conflict can be increased.

Specific information on the various species can be found under our species pages but general rules include:

- 1. Plan ahead. Know what type of wildlife you are apt to encounter while recreating. Check out WildSafeBC's Wildlife Alert Reporting Program. The more you know the better you will be able to react to an encounter with wildlife, or better yet, your knowledge may help prevent the encounter in the first place.
- 2. Know the wildlife's timetable. Are they in the area year round and can you schedule your recreation in that area to be at a time when the wildlife won't be there? Or is there a daily routine for the wildlife? Often mid-day is a good time to avoid many types of larger predators and conversely, dawn and dusk, are inopportune times to be in the area.
- 3. Wildlife avoidance is better than having to deal with wildlife directly. Whether it is bear, cougar or a defensive cow moose, it is always better to have avoided a confrontation than to have to try to survive one.
- 4. Take wildlife safety training. Specific knowledge about bear, cougars, rattlesnakes and other species will allow you to carry out your job safely.
- 5. Carry bear spray with you at all times. Bear spray is effective against all large mammals and should be your first choice as a deterrent. Ensure that you keep the bear spray accessible regardless of your activity.
- 6. Certain sports, like mountain biking or running, increase your risk of encountering wildlife (due to your speed and lack of sound) - recognize this and increase your vigilance.

When we were young, our garden was always planted on the twenty-fourth of May. We all worked hard because we knew when the planting was done, we would pile into the old touring chev, and head for Wasa. Mom would have the picnic lunch packed, our swimsuits, towels, and lotion ready. What a trip that was out the old dirt, one-lane road, through Meadowbrook and on to TaTa Creek and finally, Wasa. We always loved it when we hit the Cherry Creek Bridge, which we called the Horse Bridge, because the planks were loose and made the same noise as galloping horses when we drove across. Besides, we were halfway there, about twelve miles from home and we had only been travelling an hour! (Or so it seemed.) We considered ourselves lucky if Dad didn't have to leave the dusty roadway, climb up on the grassy verge and let another car pass us. What a cloud of dust we had to endure!

Once at Wasa, we staked out our territory at the top of the hill leading to the main beach. In no time at all, we were out of the car, into our bathing suits and promising Mom and Dad we'd be careful and, yes, we would look after the little kids. Our first swim of the year was heaven. None of us were accomplished swimmers, but we had fun standing on our heads in the water, climbing up and diving off the big old sunken log and generally paddling about. How we hated to stop to eat, because it meant we couldn't go back swimming for an hour. We could be exhausted on the way home and generally fell asleep in the car. What a comfort it was to be packed upstairs to bed in Dad's arms. The end of a perfect day!

Better though, than the day trips to Wasa, was our week or two of camping during July or August. For several years, the MacKenzies, from the Townsite, joined the Conroys from the Morrison Sub. We pitched our tents side by side at the top of the hill, where the parking lot and lawn are now. Once Mr. MacKenzie and Dad had their swim and dinner around the campfire, they headed back to Kimberley and solitude.

Our days were filled with swimming, castle building, hiking, searching for beer bottles, daydreaming and, of course, the off fight. Beer bottles were worth a penny apiece or fifteen cents for a dozen. The older people who partied on the beaches often threw the empties into the juniper bushes. We thought the bottles grew there!

Two of the Pearson "girls" from the Morrison Sub had a little store on the hill just before Mile's cabin – so the beer bottles bought us jaw breakers, gum, and other goodies. I remember Oxie Miller tending the little kiosk. She and her son, Marvin, came home every year from San Francisco and ran the store. One day my brother, Lindsay and I were having a discussion as to where babies came from. Lindsay was eight and I was seven. We couldn't agree so we decided to ask Mrs. Miller. Up the hill we ran to the store. Mrs. Miller was sitting on her high chair, chin in hands and chewing gum vigorously.

"Mrs. Miller" we yelled, "where did Marvin come from?" Then Lindsay said, "The stork brought him, didn't he?" and I yelled, "No, he didn't. The Doctor brought him in his little black bag!"

To which Mrs. Miller quietly said, "You are both wrong, a crow shit him on a stump!"

Years later, I used that story at a sex education symposium to demonstrate what kids used to be told. Anyway, Lindsay and I returned to the beach content that we had both been wrong.

There was a community pump near the row of cabins but none of us liked the taste of the water. We used to get a gang of adults and children carrying vessels of all sorts and sizes and start walking down the railroad tracks to TaTa Creek. On one of the trips, Melvin Shannon's Mother was the leader. What a job she had listening to all of us complaining about the heat, the bugs, the thirst, the length of the trip and anything else we could think of. She was a very patient lady. We got our water from Huddleston's farm at the bottom of the TaTa Creek Hill. After Mrs. Shannon had had a visit with the Huddlestons and we had been given a little treat, we would start the long trip back and the promise of a swim.

As mentioned previously, we camped on the beach near Miles' cabin. Next to Miles was the Draper cabin followed by MacWhirters, Sorensons, Millers and Weavers. Drapers and Weavers were from Cranbrook, while the others were from Kimberley. We always considered Wasa to be for the Kimberleyites; although Art Draper claims the cabins were originally built and owned by Cranbrook residents. Once Sunday, Lindsay and I were attracted to a large crowd gathered just beyond Weaver's cabin. When we reached the gathering, we saw Mrs. Vickers serving ice cream cones to all the kids. The Moose Lodge was having a picnic. We asked Mrs. Vickers if we could have a cone. Mrs. Vickers knew very well that Daddy wasn't a "Moose", but she replied: "If your Dad is a Moose, you can have a cone." Off we ran in front of all the cabins yelling "Daddy, Daddy". He was dozing in the shad of a pin tree when he heard us screaming "Daddy". He responded with his usual "Whatee?"

"Are you a Moose, Daddy, are you a Moose?"

"Who wants to know?"

"Mrs. Vickers said if you were a Moose, we could have an ice cream cone. Are you a Moose?", we said in unison.

"No, I'm not but tell her your mother is an old Bear."

Back we ran to Mrs. Vickers and told her Daddy wasn't a Moose, but Daddy said to tell her, Mom was an old Bear. To our delight, she gave us a cone.

After very active days in and out of the water, we spent our evenings around a bonfire listening to stories told by Mrs. MacKenzie and/or Mom. Occasionally, we kids would tell a ghost story. Often, we were allowed to stay up late to watch a magnificent display of Norther Lights. How they danced in the sky over the lake. It was magic!

As I recall, our tent nearly always fell down two or three days before Dad came to take us home. We always ended up sleeping on the floor of Miles' back porch. How we lorded it over June and Margaret MacKenzie.

My last camping adventure was in the luxury of the Miller's cabin in the early forties. Phyllis Miller and I were nineteen or twenty years old. I was home on holiday and Phyllis was able to get time off from work. It was in June and the only other person at Wasa was Mr. Norton, who was staying in his cabin at Boy Scout Bay or Point. One day, Tom Hamilton promised to bring Phyllis a chicken from his mother's henhouse. Tom arrived with the chicken which we roasted. We had invited Mr. Norton to join us. What a disaster! Tom must have stolen the oldest hen in the coop. We couldn't even begin to chew it and we had our own teeth. Poor Mr. Norton! Fortunately for us, Mr. Norton was a true gentleman and made us feel we were the best cooks in the world. After dinner, Mr. Norton and I played crib while Phyllis watched. She was duly impressed by the good hands were dealt. So were we and often remarked on the high hands of sixteen to twenty of more and never a nineteen. Later at our house. Phyllis said to my Mom:

"You should have seen the good hands they had in crib, nineteen was NOTHING to them." After Mom stopped laughing, she explained to Phyllis that nineteen was always nothing in crib.

Although I seldom go to Wasa, I shall always remember those wonderful days of fun and friendship.

#### The BUZZ needs you!

#### **Garden Facts & Fables**

How has the year treated your garden so far? Have there been any particular challenges you've faced? Or maybe unexpected surprises? It is almost time to order your garlic for fall planting. As well as your spring bulbs, to ensure the riot of colour we all like to see from our tulips, hyacinths, etc. I would really love to hear from other gardeners in the area - what do you love to plant? Is there something new you want to try this year? Where do you buy your seeds? Bulbs? Plants? Talk to me!

Patience. the seedling said to me. Patience, by August you will not recognize me.

From a botanical standpoint, avocados and pumpkins are fruits, not vegetables, because they bear the plants' seeds. Rhubarb, on the other hand, is a vegetable. Who knew?! Peaches, pears, apricots, quinces, strawberries, and apples are members of the rose family.

What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? So are ornamental species such as spirea,

mountain ash, goatsbeard, and ninebark.

A coconut on vacation.

#### Tips for August Chores:

- If you have specific plants that did well this year, save their seeds.
- You should begin preparing perennials for the cold winter months by lowering the amount of water given to them.
- Now is the time to thin out the strawberries.
- August is the perfect time to plant lettuce and spinach. If you want to hang on to fresh salads for a while longer, start planting these crops.
- During the summer heat, avoid applying pesticides, even insecticidal soaps. If you must, apply on a cool evening.
- Trees and shrubs want to drink heavily for the next couple of months to prepare for winter dormancy.
- By mid August discontinue fertilizing perennials and shrubs. Fertilizing now will encourage new growth that may not be ready for fall freezing temperatures.

I want to be like a sunflower so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight.

There are over 20,000 species of edible plants in the world. However, just 20 species provide 90% of human food.

Flowers are the music of the ground From earth's lips spoken without sound; Flowers are as music, silent, deep Oxlyps, marigolds, music men keep In pots and vases, beds and jars Music as though they were bundles of stars!

Edwin Curran

The earliest gardens were strictly practical and were used to grow food and medicinal herbs. Around 1500 B.C. in Egypt, the first decorative gardens appeared.

**Sources for Garlic** - fall planting is right around the corner!

- http://www.rasacreekfarm.com/
- https://norwegiancreekfarm.ca/
- https://saskgarlic.ca/
- http://dandhnewman.ca/garlic/
- https://www.westcoastseeds.com/
- https://www.richters.com/

I know there are some local sources for seed garlic - but not always the variety. Some of these I have tried in the past - and some I will be trying this year. Gardening is an adventure and you should never be afraid to try something new!

Garlic

The most effective social distancing enforcer.

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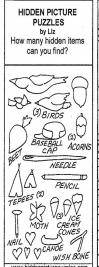
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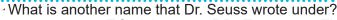


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What do Thing One and Thing Two like to play with?

Rocking Horse Balls **Kites** Video games

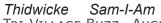
Who is Max? (from the Grinch)

The Grinch's dog Mayor of Who-ville the Grinch's cat the Police Chief You can find Brown Barbaloots in what story?

Cat in the Hat Horton Hears a Who Green Eggs and Ham The Lorax In 'O The Places You'll Go', one of the places mentioned was a Pizza Place.

True False

Who meant what he said and said what he meant? Horton Yertle



"Daddy, did Jeffy tell you what he did with your toothbrush today?"

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#### August 2020

| Sunday                         | Monday              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                     | Saturday |
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| Church<br>10:30 a.m.           | B.C. Day            | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7                          | 8        |
| <b>9</b> Church 10:30 a.m.     | 10                  | 11      | 12        | 13       | PNATIONAL GREAMSICLE DAY   | 15       |
| 16<br>Church<br>10:30 a.m.     | world honey bee day | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21                         | 22       |
| <b>23/30</b> Church 10:30 a.m. | 24/31               | 25      | 26        | 27       | Happy National Bowtie Day! | 29       |

EGEND.

Church Service 10:30 am BINGO 6:30 pm
Rec Society 7:00 pm Lions 7:00 pm
Quilters 10 am - 4 pm
Library Tuesdays 11 am - 1 pm
TOPS Fri 9 am Weigh in & Mtg. 9:30 -10:30 am
Armchair Traveller 7:30 pm

## Special Events and Days Down the Road

• Sept 21 7 pm - WLLID board meeting

August is ripening grain in the fields blowing hot and sunny, the scent of tree-ripened peaches, of hot buttered sweet corn on the cob. Vivid dahlias fling huge tousled blossoms through gardens and joepye-weed dusts the meadow purple.

Jean Hersey

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